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South side of the Old Square, Decatur
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A human curiosity is agitating the medical profession at Bloomington, in the shape of a man whose heart is on the wrong side.

DISPATCHES from Cairo state that the river at that point on Saturday was stationary, at the height of 52 feet and half an inch. The levee continues to hold out, and it is believed that the worst is over.

THERE is an opinion prevalent at the South that a new drawing of party lines will soon be made. The *Macon Telegraph* believes that it sees many signs of the coming change in Georgia. Among them it mentions the Republican support Gov. Stephens is receiving, the protection speech of Senator Brown, and the rumored appointment of Congressman Spear as United States District Attorney. These strains it considers worth watching as showing the direction in which the political current is running. If the signs mentioned by the *Telegraph* indicate anything, they show that there is a growing liberal element in the Democratic party, which will find it difficult to coalesce much longer with the Bourbon free-trade faction. The *Telegraph* says: "If sectionalism can be banished from national politics, men who must stand opposed to the one to the other so long as its dangerous presence is recognized would naturally seek affiliation with each other through the instrumentality of topics of public concern upon which they might cordially agree."

Favorable Reports from the Country.
The telegraphic reports to *Bread Street* from the leading trade-centers of the country show a widespread improvement as regards the outlook for the spring trade. A better feeling is noted in New York dry goods circles, but the trade in late. The February cotton report to *Bread Street* indicates that on Feb. 15 the cotton remaining unsold on the plantations amounted to 10 per cent of the entire crop. The reports show a general improvement in the financial condition of the Southern planters, save in North Carolina. But weather is causing delay in the preparations for the next crop. Wheat has declined in the last week from 1 1/2 to 2 cents per bushel in American markets. Corn declined slightly from the same causes that affected wheat, but the active consumptive demand for that grain sustains the market. Provisions have advanced slightly, partly as the result of diminished receipts of hogs at the West, and partly in consequence of speculative buying at Chicago. The iron market continues very dull and uninteresting. There were 201 failures in the United States reported during the past week, seventeen less than the preceding week, 69 more than the corresponding week of 1881.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR entered a Washington theater the other evening in company with a party of ladies and gentlemen, when the orchestra struck up "Hail to the Chief," and the audience cheered enthusiastically. A Washington paper explains the cause of the ovation as follows:

In Washington it is not customary to pay any unusual mark of respect to the President when he chances to visit the theater. There was a peculiar reason for the demonstrations last night. An afternoon paper, had collected nearly two columns connecting the name of the President with a social scandal. The publication was made up of dribbling paragraphs culled from reckless and irresponsible papers published in the interior. The cruelty and the malice of the publications had made the entire city indignant. The cheering and applause were a protest against those about him that the attack had only one effect, and that was to create friends for the President instead of making enemies.

EX-PRESIDENT HAYES, in introducing Senator-elect Colquhoun, of Georgia, to a Cleveland audience last Saturday, spoke of him as one of the most promising of coming men. He is a Democrat, and a graduate of Princeton.

GENERAL SHERMAN, while looking thin and angular, is so muscular that every one is deceived in his weight. He says if so disposed he can always win a bet regarding his weight. He weighs nearly 200 pounds, but any one who attempts to guess on the subject never estimates it at more than 130 pounds.

Untried.
As being a certain cure for the worst forms of dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation, impurity of blood, torpid liver, disordered kidneys, etc., and as a medicine for eradicating every species of humor, from an ordinary pimples to the worst blood-poisoned Bitters stand unrivaled. Price 25c.

LADIES' fine Rochester shoes worth \$4.00 will be sold at J. W. Baker for \$2.50. He is reducing his stock.

BECKER said in the pulpit recently: "There are many persons that sit upon eggs that are spent; and the longer they sit the worse they are. When a grief has had its way let it go; make no nest for it; with it with no feathers, abandon it. A man should be willing to give to his country himself, through the days and the night, through the storm and the calm, through youth and manhood and through old age, and should never, never, feel that he has done enough. But when a man kindles the fires of conceit under the good skillet in which he stews his virtues and his services, there is the end of him. He goes up in smoke and ill-conditioned savors. I love those streams that run full, clear to the ocean. Some men there are who are like mountain streams, torrent-fed, that boom in the spring with wondrous glory of fullness and power, and go rushing through the earlier months, but slacken their speed, and by midsummer are only a trickling reminiscence of the river. I like to think of streams like the old Merimac, that begin work up near their head-waters and never run a league without turning some mighty wheel of industry, and have no vacation to the end, but go into the sea with the very foam on their surface." It is evident that Rev. Becker is unlike the public man who said that he had two deficiencies that were very much to his way of his success, to wit: He lacked ideas and the power of expressing them.

The White Slave.
"Rags are royal raiment when worn for virtue's sake."—*White Slave*.
Bartley Campbell has touched the most delicate and responsive chord in human nature in "The White Slave"—namely, sympathy, as a dramatic and literary work, is worth all the "Uncle Tom's," "Kitts," and "Octoroon's" that were written or ever will be written. It is a towering monument of dramatic art. Mr. Campbell could not have gone over the old ground without chopping off the old edges, but he has cut the diamond like a true lapidary, and it now blazes with the effulgence of a star. There are a few sensational flames in it, but the stone is one of the most valuable in the dramatic catalog. The scenery is very beautiful. The typical picture of "Red Devil's Island" is a faithful reproduction of the spot and a marvellous outburst. The cast is first-class in every respect. All the parts were well sustained. This grand drama will be given at the opera house to-morrow evening.

Tim. story told by a Washington paper may not be true. As it runs, Senator Beck, of Kentucky, who came a poor boy to this country from Scotland, worked on the same farm in Livingston county, this state, that Secretary Teller worked upon. When they met in the Senate Mr. Beck said: "Well, Henry, when we used to drive old Brown's oxen we never expected to meet in the United States Senate." "No, Jim," said Mr. Teller. "We didn't know there was such a place."

Mr. C. A. HEDGES, of Mowqua, Ill., having connected himself with the firm of E. B. Pratt & Co., 37 North Church street, will be pleased to meet all his old friends and sell them groceries, while they purchase their meat of C. D. Nims, 115 1/2 Adams st.

LANSING, Mich., Feb. 24.—Another day's bulldozing and the end even fails to loom up in the distance. Sixty ballots have been taken. The last gives Willis 12; Hannab, 1; Stockbridge, 25; Slott and Sanford, 1; Crosby, 1; Lathrop, 31; Ferry, 3; Palmer, 31. With a full house it would have stood: Willis, 14; Stockbridge, 28; Palmer, 32—a loss of two for Willis and a gain of one for Palmer. A Perry man says: "Palmer can never be elected; too many have sworn not to vote for him." But such assertions have been made before. He has gained materially in the three days, and is beginning to feel quite confident. The Willis men are as hopeful as any in the lot, and think that Stockbridge and Palmer will kill each other off, and they will receive the benefits. Both houses have adjourned until Monday. Legislators are scarier than lions' teeth to-night. The following bills have been passed and given immediate effect: Incorporating the village of Bancroft; amending Sec. 3,305 relative to companies; furnishing water-works for cities. The house passed the bill to incorporate the village of New Buffalo.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—John W. Foster, of Indiana, who has been minister to Mexico and minister to Russia, was to-day nominated minister to Spain. Since his retirement from our diplomatic service Mr. Foster is understood to have been the attorney of the Mexican and Spanish governments in this city. The selection by President Arthur was without his knowledge or solicitation. He retired from the diplomatic service of his own will and against the desires of the department of state. He has extensive business engagements in connection with the affairs of the Mexican government. The president made a personal request that Mr. Foster should consent to go to Spain, if only for a year, or until some pending questions which are perplexing can be untangled and settled. It was really with much reluctance that Mr. Foster finally agreed to accept the mission.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—The *Golos* is again suspended for six months because of the mischievous tone in which it is discussing the state reforms. A ukase is promulgated appointing a commission to examine and amend the laws relating to the Jews, which will afterwards be submitted to the legislative department for examination.

It is stated that letters have been received by the authorities, containing threats to blow up the Kremlin, at Moscow, where the Czar is to be crowned. A search has been made, but nothing indicating preparations for the destruction of the place was revealed.

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THE OHIO, A MIGHTY OCEAN

AT SHAWNEETOWN, ILL.

FIVE FEET HIGHER THAN EVER KNOWN

BEFORE AND FORTY MILES WIDE.

The Starving Inhabitants Huddling Together in the Upper Stories of Buildings.

Urgent Petitions for Assistance.—The Lower Mississippi Still Rising.—Great Anxiety at Cairo, Ill.

Distress at Shawneetown, Ill.
EVANVILLE, Ind., February 23.—A correspondent has just arrived from Shawneetown, Ill., in company with a committee of leading citizens, composed of Messrs. Millspaugh, M. A. Paul and Theo. S. Ridgeway, who are on their way to Springfield to make an urgent appeal to the governor of Illinois.

The condition of the people there is awful in the extreme, the situation being aggravated by the fact that they are isolated from the balance of the world, and their distress has not heretofore been known to the public. No railroad, no telegraph line reaches the town, the only means of ingress or egress being an occasional steamer down and up the river, and almost the entire population are prisoners in the upper stories of the houses, the lower floors being six miles wide and the streets having an average water depth of 15 feet. The actual number of the population is not known, but it is estimated that there are about 1,000 people there, who are suffering from want of food and shelter. The situation is a desperate one, and it is urgent that some relief be sent to them.

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The situation at Shawneetown is by no means exaggerated in the above dispatches. The inhabitants have this far managed to sustain themselves by what they had on hand when the deluge came, but this has now been exhausted, and scores of families are in a starving condition.

GOING HUNTER.
To-day, the pool race of people has been a very busy one, and the far-lavender maturation by the river, and the many boats which are now on the river, are a sight to be seen. The boats are of various kinds, and the people are of various ages and colors. The boats are of various kinds, and the people are of various ages and colors.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The secretary of the navy to-day received a cable message from Rear Admiral Clitz, commanding the Asiatic station, dated at Hong Kong, requesting instructions as to the disposition to be made of the wreck of the *Ashetel* and her officers and crew.

ANOTHER PENITENTIARY FIRE.

A Second Attempt to Burn the Buildings at Jefferson City, Mo.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., February 23.—There were rumors about yesterday that an attempt would be made to burn the buildings of the Missouri State Penitentiary. In order to ascertain the facts your correspondent visited the buildings to-day. It was found that the buildings were in a state of alarm, and that the inmates were being kept in the upper stories of the buildings.

THE SLOW MATCH.
In the shape of a cotton ball, the center being of charred cotton used in cleaning lamps. This he had set on fire and around it had wrapped cotton and cloth. He carried this ball into the building, and he was ascending the stairs to the hospital when he was discovered by the guards. He was thrown into an open place in the wall, and he was killed by the explosion.

NEGRON EXCLUDED FROM A GEORGIAN THEATRE.
ATLANTA, Ga., February 23.—A colored man named D. D. Moore, who had been employed in the revenue office here, went with two colored women to see the *Minstrel* at the Georgia Theatre. The women were of the Opera House, and a policeman was with them. The women were of the Opera House, and a policeman was with them.

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THE NEWS CALENDAR.

MUTINIOUS CONVICTS MURDER AN ARKANSAS PLANTER.

MEANS BY WHICH THE SODALIA SAFE ROBBERS WERE CAPTURED.
The St. Louis Exposition—The Oklahoma Raiders—A Strange Case of Asphyxiation.

HELENA, Ark., February 23.—The community was thrown into a great state of excitement this morning by the news that a man named James H. Gant, a very prominent planter, had been murdered by a mob of convicts. The man was found dead in a field, and the mob was seen to be carrying off his property.

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We have got a handsome stock of EMBROIDERY, and got in a dozen pieces IRISH POINT to-day; they are pretty; you can make your Collars and Cuffs with them if you wish, and that reminds us that we sell you some very pretty Irish Point Collars and Cuffs, and a nice line of Lin Collars. They came in this morning—some of the new kinds, you know. We have received a great many new goods lately and would like to have you come and see them.

What size CORSET did you say you wore? Well, we can't fit you in the job lot, but if you were large enough for size 24 to 30 you could get a BARGAIN.

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On the same table are 30, 33, 40 and 60 cent LINED GLOVES, reduced to 25 cents. They are splendid for this weather, and awful cheap.

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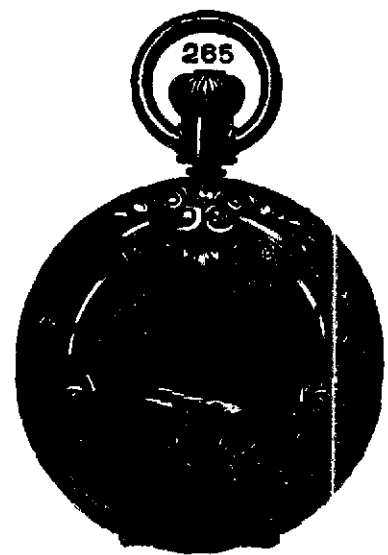
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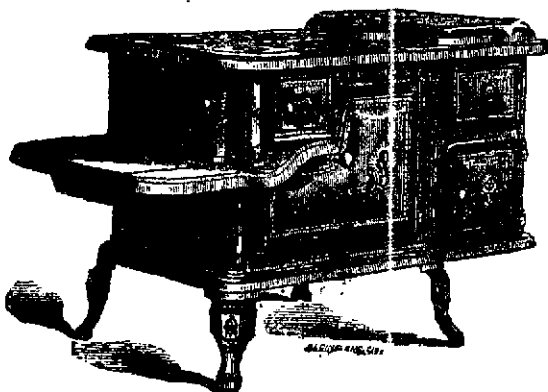
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Having taken the room lately occupied by the Decatur National Bank, NO. 13 WATER STREET, and having remodeled and refitted the same, have opened a Full Stock of

HARDWARE!

TINWARE, CUTLERY, CARPENTERS' TOOLS, &c.

Also a full line of STOVES, including the unexcelled

Champion and Champion Monitor Cook Stoves

For which we are the Sole Agents in Decatur.

ROOFING AND SPOUTING DONE TO ORDER.

Feb. 22-wly&d&wtf

FERGUSON & DILLEHUNT.

LINN & Scoville have made another great reduction in fine French dress goods.

Just Received. New and handsome capes; also an elegant assortment of embroideries, at Linn & Scoville's. Jan. 24-d&wtf

Mr. I. L. Loe, 780 22d Street, Chicago, Ill., says: "Brown's Iron Bitters is the best thing I ever used. Four bottles restored my strength."

GO THEY MUST.

We mean our Overcoats. Prices less than cost of manufacture, at

CHAS. CHARLEY'S.

The Daily Republican.

TERMS.

Per week, payable to Carrier, 15 Cts.
One year, in advance, \$7.00
Six Months, " 3.50
Three Months, " 1.75

MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 26, 1883.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

We are requested to announce CHARLES C. HATCH as a candidate for Township Collector at the ensuing April election.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

WALK in and see the Novelty Baby Carriages at

E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co's.

CALDWELL has the best hard coal in

market. P. O. Block. 24dt

"WHITE SLAVE" to-morrow evening.

ANOTHER quick freeze up Saturday

night.

A SPECIAL display of scenery is carried

by the "White Slave" combination.

WILSON BROS. Shirts made to order at

B. Stine's. 14dt

THERE was no bloodshed at Milmine

on Sunday.

THE train from St. Louis to-day was

two hours late, caused by a freight train

going down the road beyond Litchfield.

ORDER Decatur coat, suit or Lump of

Caldwell, P. O. Block. 24dt

AN effort will be made to induce Col.

Bain, the Kentucky orator, to lecture

again in Decatur.

LEAVS orders at Niedermeyer's store on

the mound for family groceries, delivered

free.

WRITTEN examinations in geography

and arithmetic in the public schools to-

morrow.

THERE are 25 people in the "White

Slave" company which appears here to-

morrow night.

THERE was a good sale of seats this

forenoon for the Minnie Hank concert

Thursday evening.

PAY your taxes. The collectors are

abroad in the city tendering handsome

receipts.

FAMILY flour, choice canned fruits and

everything else kept in a first-class gro-

cery store may be had at Stoeckel & Pen-

well's, in opera block.

TO-day Ed. Martin paid \$350 cash to

Ald. Hardy for two lots in the fifth ward,

near the old Elwood property.

"THE TOMMIES" left for St. Paul Satur-

day night. The Abbott company made

the same big jump from this city.

THE rain Friday caused the Sangamon

river to rise one foot on Saturday. Last

night it fell 16 inches and is still falling.

FOR a fine and elegant hot roast, go to

Dan's Bank to-morrow, from 10 to 12.

21 dt

GET out your tickets and have them

ready. The Race & Co. prize drawing

will take place on Thursday.

ALWAYS fresh and home-made—HARRY

Miller's Caramels, Butter Scotch, double

strength Horehound, &c. For sale by all

first-class dealers. nov9-dt

IT is understood among builders that

W. J. Quinlan will put up a \$25,000 or

\$30,000 residence on the mound during

the coming season.

NEW YORK Saddle Rock oysters, big

fat fellows, in every style, at Miller's

lunch room, on Prairie street. 21-dt

REMEMBER it is the No. 1 company

which appears here to-morrow night in

the "White Slave"—Barley Campbell's

best company.

GOOD work and low prices at D. F.

Hansher's shops. Get your broken ve-

hicles repaired at Hansher's.

131 was the attendance at the Baptist

Sunday School yesterday; 506 was the

attendance at the First M. E. Sunday

School.

GO to Dr. Thomas S. Hoskins to get

your dental work done. Cor. Main and

Water streets, Decatur, Ill. 21dt

MISS SARAH ECKHART, of Boody, has

charged Charles C. Jokisch, of Virginia,

Cass county, with bastardy, and has caused

his arrest. Sheriff Foster arrested

Jokisch at Virginia on the 21st inst., and

this afternoon the case will probably be

tried before Justice Albert. A large num-

ber of witnesses came here from Boody

this afternoon. All parties concerned are

wealthy.

MR. LINN, who is now in New York

purchasing Spring Goods, is sending

forward desirable goods for the present

season. feb23dt

THE new pump was in use at the water

works all day Sunday, so we are in-

formed by Ald. Bramble. Mr. Clapp

arrived here from Lafayette this morning,

and the new pump will be thoroughly

tested before he goes away.

FOR a fine and elegant hot roast, go to

Dan's Bank to-morrow, from 10 to 12.

feb21-dt

THIS popular "Blower" hand made,

clear Havana filler, five cent cigar, is

made by Keek & Weigand, East Eldorado

street, who also manufacture the famous

"10-cent" and "Keystone" cigars.

feb20-dt

Beware of imitations of L. L. Ferriss

& Co.'s Corn Cure. None genuine with-

out their name on every bottle. It is

warranted to cure every case. Price 25

cents. Sept6-dt

TAY Pope & Bro., in opera block, for

reliable family groceries, always fresh

and nice.

ONE of the celebrated Haines Bros.

pianos sold by C. B. Prescott was used at

"The Tourists" entertainment Saturday

evening. These instruments are favorites

with all visiting troupes and good judges

generally.

A MAJORITY of those who had not seen

"The Tourists" on the occasion of their

first appearance in Decatur, were com-

pletely captivated by the entertainment

given by this company Saturday night,

and the remainder of the large audience

were more or less disappointed. The

absence of Mr. Mestayer and Miss

Vanhan crippled the company and in

ALLEGED PRETENDED SALE.

CAUSES TROUBLE AT WARRENSBURG AND

THE COMMENCEMENT OF A SUIT IN

THE CIRCUIT COURT.

Mrs. Lucy A. Drake has been conduct-
ing a general country store at Warrens-
burg, in this county, and her husband,
Mr. Peter J. Drake, the village postmas-
ter, has been acting as her agent. On
Saturday, Feb. 17th, the stock of goods
was sold to A. Wait, of Decatur, for \$1500.
It appears that the goods were purchased
from Henry Cotton & Co., wholesale mer-
chants at Peoria, by Mr. Drake in the
name of his wife, and the Peoria firm
claim that she owes them \$946.50 on the
goods alleged to have been fraudulently
sold to Mr. Wait. A representative of the
wholesale firm caused a warrant to be
issued for the arrest of Mrs. Drake and
she was taken in custody Saturday and
brought here by Sheriff Foster, in whose
custody she remained until this morning,
when she furnished bail in the sum of
\$1100, with J. W. Race and A. Wait as
bondsmen, and was released. The af-
davit of the complainant alleges that the
"pretended sale" was made with intent
to defraud Cotton & Co. The stock of
goods is said to have been invoiced re-
cently, and was then valued at about
\$2200. The case will come up for trial
at the May term of the circuit court.

A Decatur Man on Top.

On the 20th instant they had an exciting
city election at Bradford, Pa., a former
Decaturite, Mr. J. T. Bishop, was among
the successful candidates. He was a can-
didate for re-election to the office of city
controller, and he got there in fine
shape. We have received a copy of the
Bradford Era of the 21st, which con-
tains the following allusions to our old
friend:
For City Controller J. T. Bishop had
the whole field to himself, and of course
almost every one was glad to vote for him.
Tom Bishop has enough nerve to stand
his man in a vote. He is friendly to all
parties, creeds and conditions.

CATCHED NEAR CASNER.

The Runaway Boys and Their Return to

the City.

On Saturday last Wilkie Judson, aged
14 years, and a carrier for the Decatur
Review, and Wallace Edgerton, aged 16,
left Decatur for parts unknown, and
naturally their mysterious disappearance
caused considerable commotion at their
homes and among their acquaintances.
Wilkie was out collecting for the Review,
and while making the rounds in company
with Wallace it was proposed that they
run away from home. They started at
once, going on foot eastward over the L.
D. & S. branch of the I. B. & W. road.
They left the city during the afternoon.
Sunday morning Ed. Judson, brother of
Wilkie, and Amos Conklin, learning that
the boys had been seen at the runway
lads. Within two miles of Long Creek
Station they saw tracks in the mud lead-
ing from the railroad, and following them
they came to the residence of Jerry Nich-
olson, where the boys had slept over
night. They were given supper, bed and
breakfast at this place, and Jerry filled
their pockets with apples before they
left. Mr. N. had asked the boys where
they were going, and they told him they
were bound for Hammond. The pursu-
ers learned at Long Creek that the boys
had passed through that place, and then
Ed. and Mr. Conklin started on a run to
overtake them. Arriving at Casner
Station, about 10 miles distant,
the pursuers were then about
three-quarters of a mile behind the wan-
derers, and Ed. started off on a trot and
caught the boys. He brought them back
to Casner and there hired some men to
bring the party to Decatur on a hand-car.
The boys were decarcerated at about 11
o'clock Sunday forenoon, and they are
now at their homes, both sorry that they
caused so much trouble and worry in
running away. They had about \$2.50 in
cash between them, and although they
had not decided where they would go,
they would probably have gone to Chi-
cago or some point north had they
reached Hammond.

Mr. Judson desires to return thanks to

Mr. Conklin and all other friends who so

kindly interested themselves in the search

for the runaways.

It's All Wrong.

This, from the Peoria Journal, shows

how false impressions are kept afloat in

some usually reliable newspapers:

BROTHER HARRISON, who is running the

revival in Decatur, and in contact with

some of the outside towns to conduct

meetings in them in the forenoon and

carry on his work in Decatur at night.

The business men in the latter city found

out that it cost people of from coming

to town, and that it was seriously af-
fecting trade, "so they cried out, seeing
that their craft was in danger," and the out-
side meetings will be discontinued.

The above is all wrong. None of the

brethren here have objected to Rev. Har-
rison filling appointments in outside

towns, but on the other hand they not

only encourage him in going where he

can do good on Saturdays, but also dur-

ing the other days of the week. The only

concern they have in the matter is the

health of the young evangelist. He has

been in Decatur now for nearly 18 weeks,

and he is in as good trim as when he first

appeared. These newspaper canards don't

trouble him a bit. He is too busy to pay

any attention to them, and as to the finan-

cial features of the work, that's a matter

which concerns only Mr. Harrison and

those who cheerfully and willingly foot

the bills.

A SOMEWHAT exciting episode trans-
pired in a passenger coach on the Illinois

Midland railway this forenoon. The con-
ductor in charge of the train was H. H.

Helmer. A party named Lew Collins got

on the train at Hindsboro with a ticket

for Aroola, and after reaching a point

this side of Chesterville, Conductor Hel-
mer called upon Collins for a ticket.

Collins had no ticket after leaving Aroola

and refused to pay his fare. An alterca-

tion ensued, during which Collins drew a

dirk knife on the conductor, whereupon

Helmer leveled his revolver at the head

of the troublesome passenger, who in-
stantly quieted down and left the train as

soon as it stopped. The trainmen and

passengers say that Helmer is a nervy

conductor with handy persuaders at his

command and just the sort of a man to

handle rough characters.

DR. H. E. FARWELL, Arlington Heights,

Ill., says: "I am selling Brown's Iron

Bitters fast. It is the most saleable goods

in my store. 23

A Car on Fire.

This forenoon the C. H. & M. combi-

nation mail and express car, standing on

the Wabash side track near Haworth &

Sons check-row building, caught fire

from an over-heated stove and in a few

minutes the wood work was in flames.

The mail agent was close by and he saved

the property in his charge. The Wabash

switch engine 151 hatched on to the car

and hauled it toward the round house in

a hurry, the blazing car attracting con-

siderable attention and causing some ex-

citement as it went dashing down the

track. The car was stopped under the

goose-neck water pipe beyond the depot,

but as the splash from the pipe was in-

